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(b) whether there is any improvement in the quality of milk now supplied to the patients; and

(c) whether they propose to introduce the same system in the General Hospital?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Milk of good quality has always been supplied to the patients.

(c) The same system has been in vogue in the General Hospital, Madras, for many years.

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether a similar system is adopted in the mufassal as that which obtains in the Royapetta and General Hospitals? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I should like to have notice of the question."

Unani Assistant for the Government School of Indian Medicine.

*753 Q.—Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government advertised for the post of a Unani Assistant for the Government School of Indian Medicine and if so, in what papers and on how many occasions;

(b) how many applications were received for the said post and whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a tabulated statement of the applications received with their qualifications and other particulars;

(c) whether the Government have made the appointment and if so, who is the candidate appointed and what reasons led to this particular candidate alone being appointed;

(d) whether he satisfied himself as to the competency of the candidate for the post before appointing him to the same, and if not, on what basis the appointment was made;

(e) whether it is not a fact that the said newly-appointed Unani Assistant does not hold any diploma from any recognized Unani College or School and that he has not undergone any regular course even under any recognized and reputed unani hakeem in Madras or outside and also that he was not an active and practising hakeem at the time of his appointment;

(f) whether there has been any advisory committee appointed for the selection of the Unani Assistant, and if so, the persons who constituted the said committee;

(g) whether it is not a fact that at least one member of the committee is not a practising unani hakeem at all but only styles himself as such;

(h) whether it is not a fact that the recommendation of the said advisory committee was not based on any recognized method or principle of selection but purely on individual patronage; and

(i) whether the Government will be pleased to reconsider the appointment and take necessary early steps to put the out-patient department in the hands of a competent and qualified Unani Assistant?

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4.—(a) The Principal, School of Indian Medicine, advertised the vacancy on two occasions in the following papers :—

First occasion—

The Justice.
The Madras Mail.
The Hindu.
The Daily Express.

Second occasion—

The Justice.
The Madras Mail.
The Hindu.
The Daily Express.
The Paisa Akhbar (Lahore).

- (b) The number of applications received on the two occasions were eight and nine respectively. The Government do not consider it necessary to lay on the table a tabulated statement showing the qualifications, etc., of the several applicants.
- (c) The Government have appointed Janab Syed Husain-ud-din Hussaini as he was considered to be the most suitable candidate for the post.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) The Unani Assistant does not hold a diploma. He has studied Unani Medicine in Madras, Delhi and Lahore as detailed below :—

(1) *Madras*.—Five years under the late Hakeem Hyder Husan Sahib, Triplicane.

(2) *Delhi*.—Three years under Ali Janab Molvi Hakim Abdul Hamid Khan Sahib and Ali Janab Shifa-ul-Mulk Hakeem Raziyyuth-theem Ahmad Khan Sahib.

(3) *Lahore*.—Six months under Hakim Feroziddin Sahib.

He has been practising as a hakeem for the last ten years.

(f) Yes. The members of the Advisory Committee were—

- (1) Janab Hakeem T. Zyn-ul-labudeen Sahib Bahadur, Shifa-ul-Mulk
- (2) Janab Hakeem Haji Abdul Aziz Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
- (3) Hakeem Peer Medani Sahib Bahadur.
- (4) M.R.Ry. G. Srinivasamurti Avargal, Principal, School of Indian Medicine.

First two gentlemen are non-officials.

- (g) The first of the two non-official members named in (f) above, is a practising hakeem of long standing and great reputation; the second, though not practising as a hakeem, has been connected, for many years, with the management of the Unani Tibbi College, Triplicane, and the Eastern Medical Association of South India, being one of its founders and also the Treasurer; he is also the Secretary of the Muslim High School. He belongs to a family, members of which have been Unani practitioners for generations.

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(h) The Government have no reason to think so.

(i) No. The Government have no reason to think that the outpatient department is in charge of an incompetent and unqualified officer.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" With reference to (a), may I know whether any advertisement was made in the local Urdu newspapers ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" It was not considered necessary, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know whether it was the intention of the Government to give opportunity to local people to apply ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Every possible opportunity was given, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know what methods the Government adopted to make it possible for local Mussalmans who know only Urdu to send their applications ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" The information is here. The Government have advertised in the leading dailies of the city."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware that these newspapers, *The Justice*, *The Madras Mail*, *The Daily Express* and *The Hindu* are published in English ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" Therefore, may I know if it was not the intention of the Government to call for applications from hakeems who are not expected to know much of English and much less, to read English newspapers ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" It is a matter of opinion."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government have assured themselves of the bona fides of these gentlemen who are called hakeems, where they were practising ? I ask the question with reference to (e), Sir."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I believe, Sir, the Advisory Committee satisfied itself as to this."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Advisory Committee did not recommend on the first occasion another person than the one now appointed ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" That may be the case, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know, then, Sir, why the advice of the Advisory Committee on the first occasion was not adopted ? "

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ It was considered that sufficient number of applications had not been received and with a view to get as large a number of applications as possible, it was considered desirable to call for fresh applications.”

MR. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—“ May I know what were the methods that were adopted by the Government for calling in more applications ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ We thought, Sir, that when we advertised in one of the papers in Northern India we would be able to get diplomates of the Tibbi College. That was done.”

Ayurvedic dispensaries under local bodies.

* 754 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Ayurvedic dispensaries working under the local bodies ;

(b) the places where they are working ;

(c) the number of patients that are annually treated by each of these dispensaries ;

(d) persons in charge of these dispensaries and their qualifications ;

(e) whether the Government have received any reports from the local bodies concerned that these dispensaries are working satisfactorily ; and

(f) whether any grants are made to these dispensaries by the Government ?

A.—(a) At the end of the year 1925-26 local boards and municipal councils were maintaining respectively 51 and 26 dispensaries other than allopathic. The Government have no information as to how many of these were *Ayurvedic* institutions.

(b), (c) & (d) The Government have no information.

(e) The Government have not received any general report on the subject from local bodies. In a few cases local bodies have reported that particular dispensaries of this class were working satisfactorily.

(f) No.

MR. K. V. R. SWAMI :—“ With reference to (b), (c) and (d), will the hon. Minister be pleased to call for the information ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ I shall do so, Sir.”

MR. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know, Sir, with reference to (f), whether the Government are not prepared to make contributions to Ayurvedic dispensaries run by the local boards ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ Not at present, Sir.”

MR. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know when they would be prepared for it ? ”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ At present I cannot give any more information than what I have already given. I propose that the whole thing should be considered.”